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SAHARA --

SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM TOLD AMB BENNETT THAT HIS OWN THOUGHTS ON SAHARA CORRESPOND CLOSELY WITH THOSE OF U.S. IMPRESSION; THE SITUATION IS "VERY SERIOUS," WITH NO SOLUTION IN SIGHT; AND THE SAHARA "REPUBLIC'S" DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE MAKES THE SITUATION MUCH MORE DIFFICULT. HE EXPECTS A LONG WAR OF ATTRITION IN SAHARA, BUT, HOPEFULLY, NO OPEN CONFLICT. HE SAID RYDBECK'S MISSION WILL CONTINUE, BUT ONE QUESTION IS HOW RYDBECK CAN CONSULT THE 30,000-40,000 SAHARAN REFUGEES IN ALGERIA AND ANOTHER INVOLVES MOROCCAN OPPOSITION TO CONTACTS WITH POLISARIO WHICH NOW HAS PROCLAIMED ITSELF A GOVERNMENT. HE OBSERVED THAT EVEN WHERE CONTACTS MADE WITH OFFICIALS OF THE SAHARA "REPUBLIC," THERE IS NO QUESTION OF UN RECOGNIZING A STATE, SINCE IT ONLY ADMITS THEM TO THE ORGANIZATION. THE SWEDES DISCLOSED THAT RYDBECK'S TRAVEL HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH 16 "AT THE EARLIEST." (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 984, 990)

SOUTH AFRICAN "AGGRESSION" IN ANGOLA --

AFRICAN GROUP AT UN REPORTEDLY SENT TELEGRAM TO MPLA ASKING WHAT ANGOLA DESIRES IN THE WAY OF A RESOLUTION FROM THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON SOUTH AFRICAN "AGGRESSION." DA FIGUEIREDO PRESUMABLY INTENDS TO BE PRESENT, BUT IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER ANGOLA WOULD AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNCIL MEETINGS UNDER RULE 39. DATE FOR MEETING HAS NOT BEEN SET, ALTHOUGH WEEK OF MARCH 22 IS MOST LIKELY. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 980)

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES --

THE COMMITTEE MARCH 11 DEBATED OVERTIME THE QUESTION OF SUMMARY RECORDS (SR'S) FOR THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AND WILL CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION FURTHER MARCH 15. SUPPORTERS OF SR'S FOR THE PALESTINIAN COMMITTEE WERE SEVERELY DISADVANTAGED
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BY CLEAR RULING OF THE UN LEGAL COUNSEL THAT THE SECRETARIAT HAD NO AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE SR'S IN VIEW OF GA RESOLUTION 2538(XIV) AND THAT THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES HAD NO COMPETENCE TO REQUIRE THEM. CHAIRMAN THOMAS (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO) STATED HIS OWN RESEARCH CONVINCED HIM THERE WAS NO LEGAL WAY SR'S COULD BE AUTHORIZED. IN SPITE OF LEGAL ARGUMENTS AND PRECEDENTS TO THE CONTRARY, THE CASE WAS PRESSED HARD BY ITS MAIN SUPPORTERS, ALGERIA, EGYPT, USSR,

YUGOSLAVIA, WITH STRONG SUPPORT FROM TUNISIA, ROMANIA, INDIA, PERU, PHILIPPINES AND COLOMBIA. SECRETARIAT WAS ACCUSED OF NARROW LEGALISM AND THREATS WERE MADE TO FLOOD THE SECRETARIAT WITH DOCUMENTATION REQUESTS IF IT WERE NOT MORE ACCOMMODATING. THE US AND UK STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE LEGAL POSITION OF THE SECRETARIAT AND CHAIRMAN, AND SAID THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD DECLINE TO GET INVOLVED IN THIS QUESTION. BELGIUM AGREED, BUT CANADA, FRANCE AND AUSTRIA MAINTAINED A SAFE SILENCE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 972)

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THE COMMITTEE ALSO CONSIDERED THE POSSIBILITY OF RECRUITING ADDITIONAL INTERPRETATION STAFF TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF SERVICES FROM 100 TO 110 MEETINGS A WEEK DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 15 TO MAY 7, AND DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE TO ALLOW FOR SUCH RECRUITMENT SUBJECT TO RECEIVING AT ITS MARCH 22 MEETING A DETAILED REPORT ON CONFERENCE SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.

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RESCHEDULING OF UN MEETINGS --

MISOFF NOTIFIED DIRECTOR OF DISARMAMENT DIVISION, SECRETARY OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES, AND SWEDISH MISSION OF USG SUPPORT FOR MADAME THORSSON'S REQUEST FOR ADVANCING THE SESSION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON UN DISARMAMENT ROLE TO JUNE 14-25. THE MATTER WILL PROBABLY BE PUT FORMALLY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES AT ITS MARCH 22 MEETING. IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE MAJORITY OF OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL NOT SUPPORT THEIR CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTION THAT THE COMMITTEE MEET ONE WEEK EARLIER THAN PLANNED. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 969)
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BOMB THREAT TO IRISH MISSION --

ACCORDING TO THE POLICE, THE IRISH MISSION WAS INFORMED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED TELEPHONE CALLER THAT THE IRISH UN MISSION AND CONSULATE WILL BE BOMBED IF COSGRAVE COMES TO NEW YORK AND THAT COSGRAVE WILL NOT LIVE. CALLER REPORTEDLY SAID THEY HAVE MEETINGS AND WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT MONEY AND SEND IT TO NORTHERN IRELAND FOR GUNS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 977)

LAW OF THE SEA (LOS) --

CHILEANS AND BRAZILIANS REPORT THAT THE NEW ENGO ARTICLES WERE NOT REJECTED AND THAT THE G-77 ENDORSED EARLIER WORKING GROUP ARTICLES WITH UNDERSTANDING G-77 MEMBERS ARE NOT TIED

TO TEXTS AND FLEXIBLE POSITION IS NECESSARY. THEY SAID 40
SPEAKERS IN G-77 PLENARY SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF NEGOTIATING IN
A SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE. BRAZILIANS THOUGHT G-77 APPROACH
TO NEW ENGO TEXTS IS BEST POSSIBLE RESULT WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN
HOPE FOR AND THEY ARE "VERY ENCOURAGED." G-77 ARE
REPORTED TO BE OPPOSED TO SECOND SESSION IN 1976 AND WANT
TREATY WRAPPED UP IN NEW YORK AT THIS SESSION. (THIS MAY
BE MORE TACTICAL THAN REALISTIC.) (CONFIDENTIAL --
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LAW OF THE SEA (LOS) --

LOS CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN AMERASINGHE (SRI LANKA), AT MARCH 11 PRESS CONFERENCE, CALLED THE LOS MEETING BEGINNING MARCH 15 THE "MOST CRUCIAL SESSION" UP TO NOW BECAUSE IT IS THE FIRST TIME THERE HAS BEEN A SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT EMANATING FROM THE THREE MAIN COMMITTEES. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE PRINCIPAL ISSUES REMAINING TO BE NEGOTIATED ARE: MAXIMUM BREADTH OF TERRITORIAL SEA; EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONES -- RIGHTS OF STATES; AND UNIMPEDED PASSAGE THROUGH STRAITS. HE ADDED THAT ISSUES OF INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY AND DEEP SEABED MINING ARE "ALSO FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS." HE SAID THAT IF THERE IS NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS THIS YEAR THE FUTURE "WOULD BE POSITIVELY BLEAK." THERE WOULD BE NOTHING TO PREVENT A GRAB BY NATIONS FOR ALL THE RESOURCES OF THE SEA, IN HIS VIEW. HOWEVER, HE FEELS PARTICIPANTS ARE "INDEED EARNEST ABOUT REACHING AGREEMENT." AMERASINGHE ADMITTED THE POSSIBILITY OF A FIFTH AND SIXTH SESSION TO COMPLETE THE WORK IS "NOT IMPROBABLE," BUT ADDED "THIS DOES NOT MEAN WE CAN'T ACHIEVE REMARKABLE SUCCESS AT THIS SESSION." A CONVENTION COULD BE SIGNED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR OR EARLY NEXT YEAR EVEN IF FOLLOW-UP MEETING IS NECESSARY TO PUT FINAL TOUCHES TO THE TEXT. AMERASINGHE NOTED THERE WOULD BE 156 FULL PARTICIPANTS IN THE LOS DEBATE, AND SAID THAT AFTER THE INITIAL PLENARY SESSION MARCH 15 COMMITTEES WOULD GO INTO CLOSED SESSIONS AND FURTHER OPEN MEETINGS WOULD BE PLAYED BY EAR. (USUN 971)

ECOSOC ITEM ON SITUATION IN GUATEMALA --

SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM PROPOSED AN ADDITIONAL ITEM ENTITLED "REVIEW OF THE SITUATION IN GUATEMALA IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE EARTHQUAKE OF 4 FEBRUARY 1976" BE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA OF THE 60TH SESSION OF ECOSOC. (USUN 970)

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO NIGER --

UN SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT, IN RESPONSE TO NIGER'S REQUEST
FOR URGENT UN ASSISTANCE TO COPE WITH ITS CRITICAL FOOD
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SHORTAGE, \$500,000 IS BEING ALLOCATED TO NIGER FROM THE
SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR UN EMERGENCY OPERATION, THE WORLD FOOD
PROGRAM IS INCREASING ITS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, THE SECRETARY
GENERAL HAS DISCUSSED FURTHER MEASURES WITH THE UN DISASTER
RELIEF COORDINATOR, AND THE IVORY COAST AND OTHERS HAVE
PLEDGED AND/OR SHIPPED FOOD STUFFS.

NIGERIAN SUPPORT FOR MOZAMBIQUE --

THE SECRETARIAT CIRCULATED (A/31/62; S/12008), AT THE REQUEST
OF THE NIGERIAN MISSION, THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT'S
MARCH 6 STATEMENT PRAISING THE CLOSURE OF THE BORDER BETWEEN
MOZAMBIQUE AND RHODESIA, STATING THAT THE BATTLE FOR SOUTHERN
AFRICA HAS BEGUN, AND CALLING ON ALL FRIENDS OF AFRICA,
"ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE NOW ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE LIB-
ERATION STRUGGLE," TO CONTINUE WITH THE SAME DEDICATION AND
NOT ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE DISCOURAGED BY THREATS AND
BLACKMAIL. (USUN 979)

ARRIVAL OF MOZAMBIQUE FOREIGN MINISTER --

MOZAMBIQUE FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO, WHO WAS SCHEDULED
TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK MARCH 11, NOW EXPECTED ON THE 13TH.
(USUN 976)

COMMITTEE OF 24 SUBCOMMITTEE ON PETITIONS --

THE SUBCOMMITTEE, MARCH 12, IN ADOPTING ITS WORK PROGRAM FOR
THE YEAR, DECIDED TO TAKE UP AS ITS FIRST ITEM THE ORGANIZATION
OF WORK IN PREPARATION FOR THE WEEK OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE
COLONIAL PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM,
INDEPENDENCE AND EQUAL RIGHTS WHICH BEGINS MAY 25. THERE
WAS ALSO AN INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF WHETHER THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S
MEETINGS SHOULD BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, CONTRARY TO ITS
PRACTICE LAST YEAR.

DAY FOR ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION --

AS PART OF OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE
ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, A REGISTER WILL BE
OPENED AGAIN THIS YEAR (MARCH 18 AND 19) AT UN HEADQUARTERS
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FOR THE RECEIPT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC TO UN
PROGRAMS AIDING APARTHEID VICTIMS AND OTHERS IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA.

HARASSMENT OF SOVIETS --

ON MARCH 11 AND 12 THE SOVIET MISSION WAS PICKETED BY WHAT
WERE THOUGHT TO BE JDL (JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE) MEMBERS
PROTESTING TREATMENT OF JEWS IN THE SOVIET UNION. THE
SOVIETS PROTESTED TO USUN OVER ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE SOHO
NEWS ALLEGING THAT CERTAIN SOVIET EMPLOYEES OF THE UN SECRE-
TARIAT ARE SOVIET SPIES. ARTICLE IMPLIES THAT NEXT DISCLOSURE
WILL BE OF FOUR CZECH SPIES. (USUN 981, 985)

INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD (INCB) --

BY NOTE, THE TUNISIAN MISSION ANNOUNCED THE CANDIDACY OF
DR. MOHSEN KCHOUK FOR THE INCB. (USUN 978)

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